

COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting 15 March 2023



Item 1: Meetings Attended

- Mayor and CEO met with Shane Gibson, Chairperson and Debra Malthouse, CEO from Apunipima Cape York Health Council on 13 February 2023 in Hope Vale.
- CEO attended (via Teleconference) a Northern Queensland Weather Briefing presented by BOM on 13 February 2023.
- Mayor and CEO met with June Pearson, Cliff Pearson, Lesley Reid DON Hope Vale, Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service, and Graeme Port, Torres and Cape Hospital and Health Service on 14 February 2023, in Hope Vale for discussions in relation to the provision of dialysis services in Hope Vale.
- Mayor, Councillors, and CEO attended the Council Meeting in Hope Vale on 15 February 2023.
- CEO attend (via teleconference) a briefing Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning on FNQ Regional Priorities and next steps for FNQ Infrastructure Plan on 16 February 2023. As part of the FNQIP, the regional priorities will guide and enable coordinated infrastructure planning and prioritise investment by the Queensland Government, local governments, and industry, as well as inform prioritised investment by the Australian Government.
- CEO and Director, Finance and Corporate Services met (via teleconference) with Natalie Hope from Peak Services on 17 February 2023 in relation to supervisor and employee training.
- CEO attended (via Teleconference) a Northern Queensland Situational Awareness Weather Briefing presented by BOM on 20 February 2023.
- CEO met with Lawrence Booth, Director Community Economy and Innovation, Cook Shire Council (via teleconference) on 20 February 2023, for discussions in relation to a funding application to establish a Country Universities Centre Study Hub in Hope Vale.
- CEO and Director, Finance and Corporate Services met (via teleconference) met with Sarah Callinan, Principal Program Officer, Early Childhood Programs and Innovation, A/Chair Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander EC Reference Group, Early Childhood, Department of Education, Caroline Hannigan (Executive Director, Grants Management and Funding) and Alexis Spencer (Early Childhood Director, Far North Queensland) on 22 February 2023 for discussions on early childhood outcomes for children in Hope Vale.

- Deputy Mayor Bruce Woibo, CEO, and Director, Social Services attend the Hope Vale Interagency Meeting on 23 February 2023.
- CEO and Director, Social Services met with Francis Loban from the National Indigenous Australians Agency on 23 February 2023 in Hope Vale for discussions on the Indigenous Broadcasting Media Program and Youth Engagement Program.
- CEO and Executive Leadership Team met with Peak Services (via teleconference) on 23 February 2023 for discussions in relation to assistance in grant applications
- CEO and Director, Finance and Corporate Services attended a Queensland Audit Office workshop in Brisbane on 28 February 2023.
- CEO attended (via teleconference) a workshop on 6 March 2023 to discuss proposed State Government reforms to the Public Records Act.
- CEO attended a workshop presented by LGAQ on 7 March 2023 in Cairns, for Councils to assist with development of funding proposals for projects in the next round of the Regional Connectivity Fund (RCF) or Mobile Black Spot Solutions (with Mobile Network Operators).
- CEO met with Preston Law in Cairns on 7 March 2023 for discussions on various legal issues.
- Mayor and CEO attended the Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance (TCICA) Inc Meeting, in Cairns on Tuesday 8 February 2023.
- Mayor and CEO attended the 2023 Queensland Police Service and First Nations Mayor's Summit held in Cairns on 9 March 2023. The Summit was Co-chaired by Police Commissioner Katrina Carroll and Mayor Jason Woibo.
- CEO attended (and Chaired) a meeting of the CEOs of Queensland Indigenous Local Governments held in Cairns on 10 March 2023.
- A number of other meetings were also held by the CEO in relation to various administration, organizational, staffing and tenure issues.

Recommendation:

That Council

(a) receive the Chief Executive Officer's Report, and

(b) note the meetings attended by the Chief Executive Officer

Item 2: 2024 Queensland Local Government Elections

Queensland local government elections are held every four years on the last Saturday in March, unless changed by regulation. Discussions have commenced with the Election Commission Queensland (ECQ) in relation to the 2024 Queensland Local Government Elections. By correspondence dated 13 February 2023, (Attachment A) Electoral Commission Queensland provided –

- a dashboard reflecting key metrics related to the Hope Vale 2020 election,

- a summary of a workshop with Chief Executive Officers on Friday, 25 November 2022 as part of the Indigenous Local Government Chiefs Forum to discuss engagement, participation and support in Indigenous communities for the 2024 elections,
- a Statement of Intent from ECQ advising it is committed to ongoing and constructive engagement with Queensland's local governments and stakeholder organisations regarding delivery of local government elections which efficiently and effectively meet the electoral needs of local communities in Queensland.

Recommendation:

That Council receive and note correspondence from the Election Commission Queensland dated 13 February 2023 in relation to the 2024 Queensland Local Government Elections.

Item 3: Hope Vale Events Coordination Advisory Committee Proposal

At its meeting held on 15 February 2023, Council resolved that it *"support "in principle" the formation of a Hope Vale Events Co-ordination Advisory Committee and a further report be submitted in relation to the proposal"*

Attached for Council consideration (Attachment B) is a draft Terms of Reference for a proposed Hope Vale Events Coordination Advisory Committee. The draft Terms of Reference for the Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee.

Council will need to determine membership to the proposed Hope Vale Events Coordination Advisory Committee. It is proposed that Council should consider, where possible, appointing representatives of organisations rather than individuals. (e.g. My Pathways Representative).

It should also be noted that it is proposed that there will not be remuneration for members of this Advisory Committee. The State Government pays meeting fees to individuals for the Interim Hope Vale Local Thriving Communities Advisory Committee.

Recommendation:

That Council

- (a) endorse the formation of a Hope Vale Events Coordination Advisory Committee,**
- (b) endorse the Terms of Reference for the Hope Vale Events Coordination Advisory Committee, as attached to the Chief Executive Officer's Report, and**
- (c) appoint membership to the Hope Vale Events Coordination Advisory Committee.**

Item 4 CEO Verbal Briefing



Steve Linnane
Chief Executive Officer
13 March 2023